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TO IAEA STUDY

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1. AT MEETING WITH MOFA OFFICIALS JANUARY 7, ON SEPARATE
BUT RELATED NUCLEAR SUBJECTS, SCIOUNS AND ERDA REP CASUALLY
RAISED QUESTION OF PROGRESS OF JAPAN/IAEA SUBSIDIARY
ARRANGMENTS NEGOTIATIONS. (CONFIDENTIALITY OF US MISSION
IEEA SOURCES TRICKLY PROTECTED.) OTSUKA NOTED JAPAN/IAEA
AGREEMENT INITIALED AND APPROVED BY BG AND THAT PROTOCOL
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ALSO APPROVED. WHAT REMAINS ARE PURELY TECHNICAL ASPECTS

OF THE SUBSIDIARY ARRANGMENTS. WHILE MOFA NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TALKS, OTSUKA OF OPINION THAT QUESTION OF JAPAN/EURATOM EQUIVALENCY WILL E WORKED OUT SOON. HE AFFAIRMED THERE IS NO QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, AND THAT THE PROBLEM NOW IS IN CALCULATING EQUIVALENT INSPECTION MAN-DAYS FOR JAPAN AND EURATOM.

2. OTSUKA SAID JAPAN'S INITIAL PROPOSAL (WHICH HE FEELS CAUGHT IAEA SECRETARIAT OFF GUARD) IMMEDIATELY LEAKED TO GERMANS WHO MADE COMPLAINT TO SECRETARIAT. ACCORDING TO OTSUKA, GERMANS FEEL JAPANESE APPEAR TO BE MAKING OUT BETTER THAN EURATOM ON SUBSIDIARY ARRANGMENTS, AND THIS GERMAN-JAPANESE "JEALOUSY" AT ROOT OF PROBLEM. AS A RESULT, BOTH SETS OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS MUST "KEEP PACE" WHILE EACH SIDE CASTS WARY EYE ON THE OTHER. RAHTER THAN EC-JAPAN "COORDINATION" SUGGESTED IAEA VIENNA 10198 (PARA 10), OTSUKA EXPLANATION SUGGESTS COMPLETITION BETWEEN GERMANS AND JAPANESE ONE UNDERLYING REASON FOR DELAY IN COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. OTSUKA FURTHER STATED IAEA COUNTER PROPOSAL RECEIVED IN TOKYO BUT BEING HELD UP "A FEW WEEKS" DUE TO REORGANIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY FUNCTIONS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY. HE SUGGESTS AGREEMENT EXPECTED AROUND MARCH BETWEEN IAEA AND JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS. GIVEN OTSUKA'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH AND STRONG SUPPORT OF IAEA ACTIVITIES, AND IN ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY, EMBASSY FINDS NO REASON TO QUESTION OTSUKA'S JUDGEMENT. LATEST AND BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY IS THAT MIKI GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN RATIFICATION OF NPT IN NEXT DIET SESSION BEGINNING JANUARY 23 AND THAT HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL OF GOJ PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF TECHNICALITIES OF NEGOTIATING SUBSIDIARY ARRANGMENTS FOR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. SEPTELS TO WASHINGTON GIVE FURTHER POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF NPT RATIFICATION PROSPECTS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, AND WILL RAISE SUBJECT AGAIN WITH MOFA SHOULD SITUATION WARRANT.

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5. SEPARATE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE GOJ FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO IAEA REGIONAL REPROCESSING STUDY ALSO RAISED WITH OTSUKA AT JANUARY 7 MEETING. AFTER NOTING IMPORTANCE OF STUDY, US CONTRIBUTION AND NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING, SCIOUNS SUGGESTED GOJ MIGHT CONSIDER ASSISTING IAEA IN STUDY. OTSUKA BRUSHED ISSUE ASIDE BY ASKING RHETORICALLY AND JOKINGLY IF US WAS PLANNING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO. HE THEN TURNED MEETING TO OTHER

SUBJECTS.
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